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Annual Report for the Year

1937

To the Chairmen and Members of the Constituent Authorities.

I beg to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1937. The report is drawn up in conformity with the instructions contained in the Ministry's Circular 1650 of October 4th, 1937.

The Combined Area comprises six Districts, of which three are Urban and three Rural. The total area is approximately 360 square miles, with an estimated mid-year population of 65,002 and a Rateable Value of £346,234. There were no alterations of boundaries of any of the Districts during the year.

ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION.

The estimated population at the middle of 1937 was 65,002, of which 13,382 were in Urban and 51,620 in Rural Districts. The distribution of the population among the various Districts at the Census in 1931, and the R.G.'s Estimated mid-year population annually since the Review Order became operative are as under:—

Year.		Bicester U.D.	Henley M.B.	Thame U.D.	Bullingdon R.D.	Henley R.D.	Ploughley R.D.
1931		3,004	7,074	2,964	21,567	14,391	12,713
1932	• • •	3,062	7,327	3,125	21,730	14,280	13,110
1933	• • •	3,158	7,187	3,114	22,120	14,310	13,250
1934	• • •	3,172	7,210	3,103	22,500	14,300	13,300
1935		3,201	7,158	3,154	22,900	14,230	13,240
1936	• • •	3,163	7,205	3,053	23,320	14,290	13,330
1937		3,303	7,028	3,051	23,610	14,400	13,610

It is necessary to point out that the 'Census population' in 1931 given above is that of each Administrative Area as constituted in June, 1932, after the Review Order had become operative.

BIRTH RATES.

The total number of live births was 1,026 (males 536, females 490), 194 of these being in Urban and 832 in Rural areas.

The Live Birth Rates in the several districts and that in England and Wales for 1937 and preceding years are given here for comparison:—

Live Birth Rates.

Year.		Bicester U.D.	Henley M.B.	Thame U.D.	Bullingdon R.D.	Henley R.D.	Ploughley R.D.	England & Wales.
1932	• • • • • •	17.1	12.8	14.3	15.2	10.9	18.4	15.3
1933		20.5	13.0	10.5	14.3	II.2	18.1	14.4
1934	• • • • •	14.8	13.5	12.5	15.0	12.7	16.1	14.8
1935		18.1	12.7	11.7	15.7	12.7	18.3	14.7
1936		21.4	14.1	14.7	16.4	12.1	16.5	14.8
1937		20.4	12.2	13.1	17.7	12.5	17.1	14.9

DEATH RATES.

The nett deaths, i.e. after making allowance for outward and inward transfers, in the Combined Districts during the year numbered 816, of which 413 were males and 403 females.

Recorded Death Rates per 1,000 Population.

Year.		Bicester U.D.	Henley M.B.	Thame U.D.	Bullingdon R.D.	Henley R.D.	Ploughley R.D.
1932	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	12.6	O.II	14.0	9.8	I2.I	10.9
1933	,	14.2	12.8	12.2	11.7	11.9	13.2
1934		11.0	10.8	12.5	12.7	10.9	11.4
1935		12.8	12.7	10.7	12.1	10.4	13.2
1936	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	12.0	9.7	11.4	11.5	11.1	12.0
1937	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	13.0	11.9	14.4	11.6	13.2	13.0

It will be noted that the above are Recorded Death Rates, *i.e.* after allowance has been made for outward and inward transferrable deaths, the number of deaths per annum from all causes per 1,000 of the mean population living at all ages.

The Recorded Death Rate is of value for comparing the mortality of a District at different periods, assuming there has been no marked alteration in the constitution of its population. It is of no value in comparing the healthiness or otherwise of a District with that of any other District. Since age and sex have an important influence on the recorded number of deaths, it is necessary to eliminate this population variable before the death rates of different Districts or Areas can properly be compared. This can be done by the application of a correction factor to the Recorded Death Rate, and the resultant figure is the Corrected Death

Rate, i.e. a hypothetical death rate which would have been recorded in the Area if the age and sex constitution of its population had been the same as that of the country as a whole. This correction has been applied to the above Recorded Death Rates and the Corrected Death Rates for the respective Areas are given below:—

Corrected Death Rates per 1,000 Population.

Year.	Bicester U.D.	Henley M.B.	Thame U.D.	Bullingdon R.D.	Henley R.D.	Ploughley R.D	England & Wales.
1932	 9.5	9.0	9.8	8.0	10.2	8.9	12.0
1933	 10.7	10.4	8.5	9.5	IO.I	10.8	12.3
1934	 8.3	8.8	8.7	10.4	9.2	9.3	11.8
1935	 9.7	10.4	7.5	9.9	8.9	10.8	11.7
1936	 9.1	7.9	8.0	9.4	9.4	9.8	12.1
1937	 9.8	9.7	10.0	9.5	II.2	10.7	12.4

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

The total number of maternal deaths was four: two from Sepsis and two from other puerperal causes.

INFANT MORTALITY.

The Infant Mortality Figure is an expression of the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

The Infant Mortality Rate for the several districts, and for England and Wales, for the past six years are here given for comparison:—

Year.		Bicester U.D.	Henley M.B.	Thame U.D.	Bullingdon R.D.	Henley R.D.	Ploughley R.D.	England & Wales.
1932		7 5	43	44	28	47	55	65
1933		15	2 I	30	22	31	41	64
1934		2 I	40	25	23	32	37	59
1935		68	54	27	33	22	33	57
1936		44	39	22	33	28	45	59
1937	,	58	34	50	45	44	47	58

The Infant Mortality figures for small areas with only a few births cannot be compared reliably with those of larger areas.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following figures show the mortality from Tuberculosis during the year:—

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

			Respir	atory.	Oth	ers.	A11 f	forms.
			M.	F.	M.	F.	М.	\mathbf{F}_{\bullet}
Urban Districts	• • •		2	3	I	Ο	3	3
Rural Districts	• • •		9	9	3	3	I 2	I 2
S. Oxon Combined	Distric	ts.	ΙI	I 2	4	3	15	15

The total is one in excess of that for 1936.

CANCER.

There were 133 deaths from Cancer recorded during the year, and of these 63 were males and 70 females. The total is 15 more than in 1936.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The incidence of notifiable disease generally has been low. The only figure that calls for comment here is that for Diphtheria. Of the 42 cases no less than 30 occurred in an Institution receiving patients, many of them children, from outside the County. A number of these children, stated to have been immunised against the disease, were found to be infective and some also suffered from Clinical Diphtheria.

The prevalence of notifiable diseases and the age incidence of notified cases in the Combined Districts are summarised in the following Tables; further details will be found in the appropriate sections of the several Districts.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR—EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS.

Diseases.		Total Cases Admitted to Notified. Hospital.				Total Deaths.	
Scarlet Fever		 79		71			
Diphtheria		 42		39		I	
Enteric Fever	• • •	 I	• • •				
Puerperal Fever		 O	• • •	2		2	
Puerperal Pyrexia	ι	 6		I	• • •		
Pneumonia		 31		2	• • •	34	
Erysipelas	• • •	 7	• • •	4	• • •		
Encephalitis Letha	argica	 2		I			
Cerebro-spinal Fe	ver	 I		I	• • •	2	
Dysentery	• • •	 3		5	• • •	2	

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES.

	Age o	ver		1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65
Cases.	and un	der	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	
Scarlet Fever	• • •	• • •	О	О	2	2	8	26	24	5	8	2	I	I
Diphtheria			О	I	I	I	I	17	12	5	О	2	2	О
Enteric Fever	• • •		О	О	О	О	O	О	О	О	I	О	О	O
Puerperal Pyrexia	•		О	О	О	О	О	О	О	О	4	2	О	О
Pneumonia .	• • •	• • •	О	I	О	I	Ο	I	I	4	5	2	ΙI	5
Erysipelas .	• • •	• • •	О	Ο	О	О	Ο	Ο	Ο	О	2	О	5	Ο
Encephalitis Letha	argica		О	О	О	О	О	2	О	О	О	О	О	О
Cerebro-spinal Fe	ver		О	О	О	О	О	О	О	О	I	О	О	О
Dysentery	• • •		О	О	О	О	О	О	О	О	I	I	О	I

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

The following is a summary of the cases notified in all Districts:—

	Tre	eated:	Vision	Vision	Total		
Notified.	At home.	In hospital.	unimpaired.	impaired.	Blindness.	Deaths.	
4	2	2	1	0	0	0	

Tuberculosis.

		Λ	Vew (Cases.			Dec	iths.	
Aş	ge periods.	Respirat	tory.	Other	s.	Respira	tory.	Other	S.
		Male. Fe	male.	Male. Fe	nale.	Male. Fe	male.	Male. Fer	nale.
	o— o	O	0	O	O	О	О	I	О
	ı — 5	O	О	2	O	О	I	I	О
	5 — 15	O	I	2	2	О	О	O	О
	15 — 25	4	7	2	2	, 2	4	O	О
	25 35	6	7	I	I	2	4	O	I
	35 — 45	2	3	O	O	3	I	I	О
	45 55	I	2	I	О	I	О	O	I
	55 6 5	I	I	O	O	2	I	I	I
	65 —	I	I	O	О	I	I	O	O
	Totals	15	22	8	5	ΙΙ	I 2	4	3

Three pulmonary deaths were of un-notified cases. Two of these occurred in Hospitals outside the County, and one was a young person who died suddenly and the cause of death was discovered at the inquest. Three deaths of non-pulmonary cases were also un-notified; these occurred in General Hospitals outside the County.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Arrangements exist in all Districts for all Bacteriological Examinations to be carried out by the Clinical Research Association. The arrangements have proved adequate and satisfactory; 190 specimens were examined and reported on during the year.

Examinations for Diphtheria		178	Positive	• • •	25
Virulence Tests	• • •	3			
Other examinations		9			

DIPHTHERIA ANTITOXIN.

Anti-diphtheria Serum is supplied to Medical Practitioners, subject to the following conditions. It is not necessary that application for Anti-toxin should be deferred until it is actually required for administration:—

Regulations for the supply of Diphtheria Antitoxin for the use of poor persons resident within the South Oxfordshire Combined Districts.

- 1. Diphtheria Antitoxin, for poor persons who are unable to pay for it and who are resident within the South Oxfordshire Combined Districts, can be obtained free of charge by Practitioners on application to the Medical Officer of Health.
- 2. Each bulb contains 8,000 units, which is to be regarded as the minimum dose.
- 3. When the Antitoxin is used, the Practitioner must immediately inform the Medical Officer of Health of the name and address of the patient and the amount of Antitoxin that has been administered; on receipt of this information, the M.O.H. will supply the Practitioner with an equivalent amount of Antitoxin.
- 4. If the Antitoxin has not been used, it must be returned to the M.O.H. not later than one month before the 'expiry date' stamped on the package, when it will be replaced by a supply of fresh Antitoxin. If this condition is not complied with, the Practitioner will be required to replace it at his own expense.
- 5. No charge may be made by the Practitioner for Antitoxin supplied by the Medical Officer of Health for the use of poor persons.

RETROSPECT.

In April of the year under review I completed twenty-five years as your Medical Officer of Health, a period broken by some four years' absence on military service to Flanders during the Great War. For about twenty years there were no less than eleven, and at one time

twelve, Local Authorities in the area for which I acted. The area was increased and the number of administrative districts reduced to six by the Review Order of 1932.

I had hoped to give a brief review of what progress has been made during the time I have held office. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond my control have already delayed the completion of this report too long. How far achievement has fallen short of that at which I aimed is known to me alone; that it has done so is due in great measure to the fact that I have had throughout to act as my own clerk and typist instead of being able to devote all my time, energy and initiative to the specialised duties of my official post.

I wish to express to the several Local Authorities my appreciation of the consideration they have extended to me, and my thanks to their officers for their co-operation and help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM H. HILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

1 & 3 George Street, Oxford.

BICESTER URBAN DISTRICT.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres		1679
Population:		
Census, 1931 (Area as at June, 1932)	• • •	3004
Mean Population, 1937 (R.G.'s estimate)		3303
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1937		1031
Rateable Value		£16718
Sum represented by a Penny Rate		£69

EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.			Per 1,000.
Live Births	Legitimate	64	35	29	Birth Rate=20.4
	Illegitimate	4	1	3)	•
Still Births		2	_	- (Per 1,000
Sun births	•••	2	1	1 1	Per 1,000 total births=28.5
Deaths					Death Rate = 13.0
Deaths from	n disease and	accider	nts of	pregnar	ncy and childbirth:
(a)	From Sepsis				I
(b)	From other	causes		• • •	О
Rate per 1,	coo total (live	and st	till) bir	ths:	
(a)	From puerpe	eral sep	osis		14.2
(b)	From other	puerpe	ral cau	ises	O
(c)	Total				14.2

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of infan	its under	one year of	age, per	1,000	births:	
Legiti	mate.	Illegitimate.	То	tal I.M.	F.	
62	2	О		58		
Deaths from	Measles	(all ages)				I
,,	Whoopin	ng Cough (a	all ages)			О
, ,	Diarrho	ea (under 2	years of	age)	• • •	О
	Cancer					7

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Consists of the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector, who is also Surveyor and superintends the Waterworks, Sewage Disposal Works, Markets, etc.

The Laboratory facilities and the Nursing and Hospital Services are as previously reported.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

- (1) For accident and non-infectious cases a motor ambulance has been provided for the Town and District.
- (2) For infectious cases a motor ambulance is stationed at the Infectious Diseases Hospital and serves both the Urban District of Bicester and the Rural District of Ploughley.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. The public water supply has been maintained during the year and bacteriologically and chemically the water is of a high standard of purity. There has been serious delay in completing the work in connection with the supply from the new bore hole, and the reason for this is somewhat obscure. In consequence the supply for the town has at times been in serious danger by failure of the old machinery. The R.A.F. Station at Caversfield is at present supplied from the existing works, and it is proposed to provide a supply from the new works to the R.A.F. Station at Heyford.

Drainage and Sewerage. Most of the houses in the town are connected to the public sewers. The Disposal Works are situated just within the Southern border of the District, where the sewage is treated in settling tanks and disposed of by irrigation.

In a previous Report (1936) I mentioned that a number of houses on a new housing estate were not connected to the sewer, the sewer being too superficial. The fears that I expressed that the existing arrangements were unlikely to prove permanently satisfactory have soon been realised, and I have had to draw attention to the gross nuisance existing from the unsatisfactory treatment and disposal of the sewage of these, some fifty, houses.

Closet Accommodation. Less than forty closets on the conservancy system still remain.

Scavenging. Scavenging of pail closets is carried out by the Council's employees twice weekly. House refuse is also collected in the town twice weekly and disposed of by tipping.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. The classified statement of the number of premises visited, etc., will be found in Table I.

Shops Act, 1934. No special action has been taken under this Act during the year.

Smoke abatement has not called for any special action.

Swimming Bath. A swimming bath, constructed on the Council's property by private enterprise a few years ago, was acquired by purchase by the Council in 1936. The bath is fed by a spring, the water entering over a weir, and there is a slow but continuous change taking place. The bath has proved very popular not only for those in the town but in the surrounding area as well.

Eradication of Bed-bugs. No special action has been called for and no Council houses are reported to have been infested.

Schools. All schools are supplied with water from the public mains and all are provided with w.c.s connected to the sewers.

HOUSING.

The statistics for the year, given in the prescribed form, will be found in Table II.

As a result of the survey that had been carried out, the Council made and submitted to the Ministry for confirmation sixteen Clearance Orders. Six of these were submitted in 1935 and the confirmation is dealt with in the Report for 1936.

In November, 1936, a public inquiry was held by the Ministry in respect of the remaining ten Orders, specified below:—

- No. I Clearance Order. Nos. 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65 and 67 Ban-bury Road, Bicester, together with outbuildings.
- No. 3 Clearance Order. Nos. 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 43 North Street, Bicester; Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 7 Twitcher's Alley, Bicester; and three old cottages adjoining No. 2 Twitcher's Alley, Bicester, together with outbuildings.
- No. 6 Clearance Order. Nos. 5, 7 and 9 St. John's Street, Bicester, and Nos. 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Ladysmith Terrace, Bicester, together with outbuildings.
- No. 7 Clearance Order. No. 6 Victoria Row, Bicester; Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 St. John's Court, Bicester; Nos. 15, 15A, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 St. John's Street, Bicester, together with outbuildings.
- No. 10 Clearance Order. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Hadlands Yard, Bicester, together with outbuildings.

- No. 11 Clearance Order. Nos. 2, 4 and 6 Chapel Street, Bicester, together with outbuildings.
- No. 12 Clearance Order. Nos. 16, 18, 20 and 22 Chapel Street, Bicester, together with outbuildings.
- No. 13 Clearance Order. Nos. 32, 34 and 36 Chapel Street, Bicester, together with outbuildings.
- No. 14 Clearance Order. Nos. 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64 and 68 Chapel Street, Bicester, together with outbuildings.
- No. 15 Clearance Order. Nos. 72, 74, 76, 78, 80 and 82 Chapel Street, Bicester, together with outbuildings.

In March the Council was informed that the Ministry had confirmed all of the above orders but with modification in only three instances:—

- From No. 3 Order were excluded the old buildings (?cottages) adjoining No. 2 Twitcher's Alley and certain outbuildings.
- From No. 7 Order was excluded, on the Council's representation, No. 7 St. John's Court, a cottage stated to have been the abode of a local historian, and which is rapidly approaching a stage of complete collapse.

From No. 10 Order were excluded certain outbuildings.

Some difficulty has been experienced in getting certain owners to carry out their statutory obligations to demolish houses included in the earlier Clearance Orders.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply. The cowsheds and dairy premises in the District have been regularly inspected. There are five retailers on the Register.
- (b) Meat, etc. Visits of inspection have been made to the slaughter-houses, etc., and as far as practicable the carcases of animals slaughtered have been inspected. There were seven seizures of unsound food during the year (voluntary surrender).

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, etc.

Scarlet Fever. Nine cases were notified during the year. All were treated in Hospital. The disease was of a mild type.

Puerperal Sepsis. One death occurred in a Hospital outside the District; the case was un-notified.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

Two schools were closed for Influenza.

Laboratory Examinations. For Diphtheria, 3; positive, o.

In the following Tables notified cases of infectious disease are classified in age groups.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year—Excluding Tuberculosis.

Diseases.		7	Γotal C Notifie								tal aths.	
Scarlet Fever			9				9				О	
Puerperal Fever			O				I				I	
Age Inciden	CE (ЭF	Noti	FIE	D (Cas	ES.					
Age over		I	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65
and under	1	2	3	4 .	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	
Scarlet Fever	0	0	т	\circ	т	2	2	2	0	0	\circ	\circ

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

		New C	Cases.			Deaths.					
Age periods,		iratory. Female.		ners. Female.		iratory. Female.		ers. Female.			
O — I	O	О	O	O	Ο	O	Ο	O			
ı — 5	О	Ο	O	0	Ο	Ο	О	0			
5 — 15	О	О	O	O	O	О	O	O			
15 — 25	O	O	O	O	О	0	О	0			
25 - 35	\mathbf{I}^{t}	O	O	O	O'	I	О	O			
35 - 4 5	О	О	O	O	О	О	O	О			
45 — 55	O	O	O	O	O	Ο	O	О			
55 - 65	O	I	O	O	O	O	O	Ο			
65 —	O	O	O	O	O	Ο	O	Ο			
			-			*******					
Totals	I	I	O	О	О	I	O	O			
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There was no un-notified fatal case.

P.H. (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

No action has been necessary under Art. 5 or 6 of the above Regulations.

Public Health Acts, 1925, Sec. 62; 1936, Sec. 172.

No action has been taken by the Council under the above and none has appeared to be necessary.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

I. INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

. 111	SPECTION OF P		Inspections.			Notices.	Prosecutions
	Factories		O	• • •			о .
	Workshops	• • •	38	• • •	(о
	Workplaces	• • •	4		(О
						-	
	Total		42		(О
			-			-	
. D	EFECTS FOUND	IN FAC	CTORIES,	Works	SHOPS	AND Wo	ORKPLACES.
	a) Nuisances u						
`	,					Numbe	r of Defects.
	777 4 C C1-	a 1!				Found.	Remedied.
	Want of Cle			• • •	• • •	4	4
	Want of Ver		on	• • •	• • •		
	Overcrowdin	g	• • •	• • •	•••		
	Want of Dra	ainage	of Floors	5	• • •		
	Other Nuisa	nces	• • •	• • •	• • •		
	Sanitary Acc	commo	dation:-	_			
	Insuffici	ent			• • •		
	Unsuital	ble or	defective	• • •	• • •		
	Not sep	arate :	for sexes		• • •		
(1	b) Offences und				Work	shops Ac	rts:
(-	Illegal occu					•	
	bakehou	-	01 411	dergre	, and		
	Other offend		• • •	• • •	• • •		
	Other offenc	.cs	• • •	• • •	• • •		
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		Lotal	s	• • •	• • •	4	4

Instances

L

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Deaths

HENLEY-ON-THAMES MUNICIPAL BOROUGH.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres						*		
Census, 1931 (Area as at June, 1932) 7074 Mean Population, 1937 (R.G.'s estimate) 7028 Number of inhabited houses at end of 1937 1990 Rateable Value £51065 Sum represented by a Penny Rate £195/6/7 Extracts from the Vital Statistics of the Year. Total Male. Female. Per 1,000. ive Births {Legitimate 77 39 38 Birth Rate=12·2 Illegitimate 9 6 3}	Area in acr	es			•••		• • •	1382
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till Births o o $\begin{cases} \text{Per 1,000} \\ \text{total births} = nil. \end{cases}$		Illegitin	nate	9	6	3 j		atc — 12·2
	Still Births			O	O	o { F	er 1,00 total l	o $pirths = nil.$

Deaths from disease and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth:

37

84

47 Death Rate = 11.9

- (a) From Sepsis o
- (b) From other causes o

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births:

- (a) From puerperal sepsis ... o
- (b) From other puerperal causes ... o

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under one year of age, per 1,000 births:

Legiti	nate.	Illegiti	mate.	To	tal I.M.	F.	
38	3,	O			34		
Deaths from	Measles	(all age	es)	• • •		• • •	0
, ,	Whoopin	ng Cou	gh (al	1 ages)	• • •		O
,,	Diarrhoe	ea (unde	er 2 y	ears of	age)	• • •	О
,,	Cancer		• • •			• • •	15

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Consists of the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector, who is also Borough Surveyor and has supervision of the Council's employees at the Sewage Pumping Station and disposal works and cleansing department.

The Laboratory facilities, Ambulance arrangements and the Nursing services are as previously reported, and there have been no developments or changes in these during the year.

HOSPITALS.

- (a) Fever. Infectious cases are, where necessary, removed to the 'Smith' Isolation Hospital, the Borough Council being a Constituent Authority in the Combination owning the Hospital.
- (b) Other Hospital arrangements. There have been no alterations or developments in these services.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. The town is supplied with water by the Henley Water Company. The supply is constant, abundant and of good quality. The water is obtained from two bores, one in the town and another of recent construction in the Parish of Shiplake, and the works are equipped with a modern water-softening plant. The supply from mains extends throughout the whole town.

Drainage and Sewerage. Most of the drains from public buildings and private dwellings within the old boundary are connected to the public sewers, but this does not apply to all the area added in 1932. The sewage disposal works at Assenden have been well maintained and sufficient to meet the demand made on them.

Closet Accommodation. The water carriage system extends throughout the old area of the Borough.

Scavenging. The removal of house refuse is carried out weekly from all houses. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping in a pit adjacent to the Fair Mile.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. The classified statement of the number of premises visited, etc., will be found in Table I attached to the Report.

Shops Act, 1934. No special action has been taken under this Act.

Smoke Abatement. No occasion has arisen in which action has been necessary.

Swimming Baths and Pools. The Corporation's riverside bathing place is situated outside the Borough.

Eradication of Bed-bugs. No special action has been necessary in connection with the infestation of private premises or Council houses.

Schools. All schools are provided with water from the public mains and with w.c.s connected to the sewers.

HOUSING.

The statistics for the year, given in the prescribed form, will be found in Table II.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply. There are sixteen retailers on the Register. The registered premises have been regularly inspected and maintained in a satisfactory condition. Satisfactory reports have been received on the samples of graded milk submitted for examination.
- (b) Meat, etc. Visits of inspection have been made to the slaughter-houses, etc. No seizures of unsound food have been made during the year.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, etc.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease has been very low, and the cases enumerated below do not call for special observation.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

Three schools were closed on account of Influenza.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

For Diphtheria, 34; positive, 2. Other specimens, 3.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR—EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS.

	Г	otal Cases	•	Admitted to		Total
Diseases.		Notified.		Hospital.		Deaths.
Scarlet Fever		8		8	• • •	О
Diphtheria		I		I		O
Puerperal Pyrexia		2		O	• • •	O
Encephalitis Lethargica		I		О		О

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES.

	Age	over		I	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65
	and u	nder	I	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	
Scarlet Fever		• • •	Ο	O	Ο	О	Ο	2	4	I	O	O	I	O
Diphtheria			О	O	О	О	I	О	O	O	O	О	O	О
Puerperal Pyre	xia		О	O	O	O	O	О	О	О	I	I	O	О
Encephalitis Le	thargi	ca.	O	O	О	O	O	I	0	O	О	О	О	О

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

One case was notified. Recovery was complete.

Tuberculosis.

		New C	ases.			Deaths.					
Age periods.		iratory. Female.		ne rs. Female.		piratory, Others. e. Female. Male. Femal					
O — I	O	O	Ο	Ο	Ο	O	Ο	Ο			
I — 5	Ο	О	O	Ο	O	O	Ο	Ο			
5 15	O	I	O	O	Ο	O	O	О			
15 25	O	Ο	I	Ο	O	O	O	О			
25 35	О	I	Ο	I	О	Ο	Ο	Ο			
35 - 4 5	Ο	Ο	O	О	O	Ο	О	Ο			
45 — 55	Ο	Ο	O	Ο	O	Ο	Ο	Ο			
55 - 65	Ο	О	O	O	I	I	I	О			
65 —	Ο	Ο	O	O	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο			
			—		_	_					
Totals	O	2	I	I	I	I	I	Ο			

No fatal case was un-notified.

P.H. (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No action has been necessary under Art. 5 and 6 of the above Regulations.

Public Health Acts, 1925, Sec. 62; 1936, Sec. 172.

No action has been taken by the Council under the above, and none has appeared to be necessary.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

	Inspections.	W	ritten Notic	es.	Prosecutions.
Factories	 24		I		O
Workshops	 15		I		0 *
Workplaces	 0		О		Q
Total	 39		2		О
	1				Marral Marral

- 2. Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.
 - (a) Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—

			Number of Defects.				
				Found.	Remedied.		
Want of Cleanliness				1	I		
Want of Ventilation							
Overcrowding		• • •	• • •				
Want of Drainage of	Floors	• • •	• • •				
Other Nuisances	• • •	• • •	• • •	I	I		

	Sanitary Accommodation:—	
	Insufficient	
	Unsuitable or defective	
	Not separate for sexes	
	(b) Offences under the F. and W. Acts:—	
	Illegal occupation of underground	
	bakehouses	
	Other offences	
		•
	Total 2	2
		
3.	OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES. SEC. 108.	
	Instances	C

THAME URBAN DISTRICT.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	• • •	3140
Population:		
Census, 1931 (Area as at June, 1932)	• • •	2964
Mean Population, 1937 (R.G.'s estimate)	• • •	3051
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1937		957
Rateable Value		£17405
Sum represented by a Penny Rate		£67/14/-

EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

					Per 1,000.
Live Rirths	Legitimate	38	22	16)	Birth Rate=13.1
Live Diff tils .	lllegitimate	2	1	I	Birtii Rate=13.1
Still Births		O	0	0	Per 1,000 total births = nil.
					Death Rate=14.4
Deaths from	n disease and	accide	nts of	pregnan	acy and childbirth:
(a)	From Sepsis	• • •	• • •	• • •	0
(b)	From other	causes		• • •	О
Rate per 1,0	ooo total (live	and st	ill) birt	ths:	
(a)	From Sepsis		• • •	• • •	0
(b)	From other	puerpe	ral cau	ises	О

INFANT MORTALITY.

eaths of infan	ts under c	one year	r of ag	ge, per	1,000	births:	
Legitii	nate.	Illegitir	nate.	Tot	al I.M.	F.	
52	}	0			50		
Deaths from	Measles	(all age	s)	• • •			I
,,	Whoopin	g Coug	gh (all	ages)	• • •	• • •	О
, ,	Diarrhoe	a (unde	er 2 ye	ars of	age)	• • •	Ο
, ,	Cancer	• • •		• • •		• • •	5

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Consists of the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector, who is also Surveyor and Superintendent of the Waterworks Pumping Station and Sewage Disposal Works.

The Laboratory facilities, the Ambulance arrangements and the Nursing and Hospital Services are as previously reported. Sanction has been obtained for the purchase of premises for the erection of a Fire Station. The building is expected to be completed early in the year, and will also house the Ambulance for non-infectious cases. The Council is contemplating taking over the administration of the Ambulance service.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. The public water supply has been well maintained throughout the year. The supply is constant and of good quality. The water is hard and contains a trace of iron, for the removal of which it is passed through mechanical filters. The plant has operated satisfactorily throughout the year and the supply of water has been ample for the requirements of the District. Four samples have been taken for chemical and bacteriological examination during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage. The town has a system of sewers to which all but a small number of houses are connected. The disposal works are at Lashlake, where, after screening and passing through settling tanks, the sewage is dealt with by land filtration. The works have for some time proved inadequate to treat the sewage effectively and pollution of the Thame has been frequent. Plans for new works have been prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers and an application to borrow \mathcal{L} 10,000 for the purpose of sewage disposal was the subject of a public inquiry by the Ministry in August. Further consideration has been given to providing sewers and sewage disposal for the hamlet of Moreton.

Closet Accommodation. There are now less than 80 pail closets in the District.

Scavenging. Public scavenging of house refuse takes place weekly. The refuse is disposed of by tipping. Street scavenging takes place daily.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. The classified statement of the number of premises visited, etc., will be found in Table I.

Shops Act, 1934. No special action has been taken under this Act.

No action has been necessary to deal with smoke abatement.

There is no swimming bath in the District.

Eradication of Bed-bugs. No special measures have been necessary either in respect of private dwellings or Council houses.

Schools. All schools are supplied with water from the Council's mains and furnished with w.c.s connected to the sewers.

HOUSING.

The statistics for the year, given in the prescribed form, will be found in Table II.

There are too many Council houses in which there is only a single occupant; most of these could find suitable accommodation elsewhere, and the Council houses be thus available for tenants whose needs are more urgent.

The acceptance of 'undertakings' is also a matter which requires reconsideration.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply. There are 5 retailers and 12 producers or wholesale dealers on the Register. The various premises have been regularly visited and inspected.
- (b) Meat, etc. Visits of inspection have been made to the slaughter-houses, etc. No seizures of unsound meat have been made, but fish found to be unsound has been voluntarily surrendered and destroyed. More satisfactory arrangements for meat inspection by a qualified inspector are necessary.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ETC.

The incidence of notifiable disease has been very low. The case of Cerebro-spinal Fever was notified after removal to a general hospital for diagnosis.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

No schools were closed on account of infectious sickness.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

For Diphtheria, 10; positive, o.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR—EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS.

	Т	otal Cases	• 1	Admitted to		Total
Diseases.		Notified.		Hospital.		Deaths.
Scarlet Fever		3		3		O
Diphtheria		I		I	• • •	О
Cerebro-spinal Fever		I		ĮI		О

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES.

Age over		I	2	3	4	5	Ю	15	20	35	45	65
and under	I	2	3	4	5	ΙO	15	20	35	45	65	
Scarlet Fever	О	O	О	O	Ο	2	Ο	Ο	I	О	O	Ο
Diphtheria	O	О	I	О	О	Ο	О	Ο	О	O	Ο	О
Cerebro-spinal Fever.	O	О	О	O	О	О	О	Ο	I	O	О	О

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM. Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

		New C	ases.		Deaths.				
Age periods.	Resp	iratory.	Oti	hers.	Respiratory.			ers.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
o — I	О	О	O	O	О	O	О	Ο	
ı — 5	О	О	O	O	O	O	0	О	
5 — 15	О	О .	O	I	O	O	О	O	
15 — 25	2	I	O	O	I	О	О	O	
25 — 35	I	I	O	O	O	I	O	O	
35 — 45	О	О	О	O	О	O	O	О	
45 55	О	О	O	O	O	O	О	0	
55 - 65	О	О	O	О	О	O	О	O	
65 —	О	O	O	O	О	0	О	Ο	
					_				
Totals	3	2	O	I	I	I	О	О	

One pulmonary case that died in a special hospital in another county was un-notified.

P.H. (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No action has been necessary under Art. 5 or 6 of the above Regulations.

Public Health Acts, 1925, Sec. 62; 1936, Sec. 172.

No action has been taken by the Council under the above, and none has appeared to be necessary.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

I. INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

	Inspections.	V	ritten Notice	es.	Prosecutions.
Factories	6		2		О
Workshops	42	• • •	6		О
Workplaces	О		O		О
Total	48		8	• • •	О
			Physical Physical Inc.		

- 2. Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.
 - (a) Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—

				Number of Defects.		
				Found.	Remedied.	
Want of Cleanliness		• • •		4	4	
Want of Ventilation	• • •	• • •	• • •			

	Overcrowding				
	Want of Drainage of Floor	s		I	1
	Other Nuisances	• • •			
	Sanitary Accommodation :-	_			
	Insufficient		•••		
	Unsuitable or defective			I	I
	Not separate for sexes	• • • .			
	(b) Offences under the F. & W	. Acts	:		
	Illegal occupation of un				
	bakehouses				
	Other offences				
					10-0-0-00m
	Total			6	6
3.	OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PR	EMISES	s. Sec	c. 108.	
	Instances				 0

BULLINGDON RURAL DISTRICT.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.	
Area in acres 90643	
Population:	
Census, 1931 (Area as at June, 1932) 21730	
Mean Population, 1937 (R.G.'s estimate) 23610	
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1937 6797	
Rateable Value \cdots £97073 Sum represented by a Penny Rate £411	
Sum represented by a Penny Rate £411	
EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.	
Total Male. Female. Per 1,000.	
Li Di da (Legitimate 406 204 200) Birth Rate = 17.7	
Live Births $\begin{cases} \text{Legitimate} & 406 & 204 & 200 \\ \text{Illegitimate} & 13 & 6 & 7 \end{cases}$ Birth Rate=17.7	
Per 1,000	
Still Births total births $= 43.3$	
Still Births 19 9 10 Per 1,000 total births=43·3 Deaths 276 147 129 Death Rate=11·6	
Deaths from disease and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth:	
(a) From Sepsiso(b) From other causesI	
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births:	
(a) From Sepsis o	
(b) From other puerperal causes $2 \cdot 2$	
(c) Total 2·2	
Infant Mortality.	
Deaths of infants under one year of age, per 1,000 births:	
Legitimate. Illegitimate. Total I.M.F.	
46 o 45	
Deaths from Measles (all ages) 2	
,, Whooping Cough (all ages) 2	
,, Whooping Cough (all ages) 2 ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 1	
Cancer 41	
During the year building development, particularly in that part	C

During the year building development, particularly in that part of the Parish of Forest Hill with Shotover adjacent to the City of Oxford, and in the Parish of Littlemore, has continued.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The staff consists of the Medical Officer of Health, a Senior Sanitary Inspector, Mr. D. S. Roderick, and two additional Inspectors, Mr. R. H. Grayson and Mr. H. Nicholls.

The Senior Inspector is also Building Surveyor and Petroleum Inspector and has on his staff a Foreman and Clerk.

A Manager of the Council's Housing Estates and properties and Rent Collector is provided with assistance.

HEALTH SERVICES.

The laboratory facilities, ambulance arrangements and the nursing and hospital services are as formerly reported; there has been no development of or change in these during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. In my 1934 Report a general survey of the water supply of the Area was given.

Except for an increase in the number of houses supplied from existing mains, the circumstances are, in essentials, as then stated.

During the year a supply from public mains was laid on to 299 houses, in most instances from the mains of the Oxford Corporation.

Fifty-three samples of water have been taken for analysis, 7 wells have been cleaned out and pollution prevented, and 324 Water Certificates have been issued.

It has been decided provisionally to proceed with the scheme, prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers, for the supply of the area lying to the N.E. of the Statutory Area of the South Oxfordshire Water Company, and referred to in my Report for last year. At the moment the matter is held up awaiting consent to borrow the sum necessary to proceed with the trial bore.

Watlington and Britwell. In my Reports for 1934 and 1935 I dealt with the needs of these parishes, and the delay in providing a water supply, at some length. To this I have nothing to add, save that the situation, particularly in Watlington, becomes more menacing. That a town of its size should, with the full knowledge both of the Local Authority and the Ministry of Health, continue year after year to depend on polluted wells for its water supply while a pure supply from the mains of the Statutory Water Undertakers is available near at hand is surely one of the marvels of modern Local Government.

Drainage and Sewerage. The village of Littlemore and the village of Marston and a part of the Parish of Forest Hill adjacent to the City of Oxford are connected to the Oxford Corporation's sewers. Consideration is being given to a further extension to meet the needs of development in the latter area.

There are public sewers and disposal works at Watlington and Wheatley. After passing through settling tanks, the sewage is disposed of by broad irrigation.

Nothing further has been done with regard to the sewering of Sandford-on-Thames.

Closet Accommodation. In Littlemore and Watlington, and that part of Forest Hill with Shotover, where sewers are available, a considerable proportion of houses have water closets. In Watlington the closets are mainly of the hand-flushed type. Apart from these and some houses in Wheatley, and the larger residences in the area and smaller houses of modern construction, which have cesspools, the accommodation generally is on the conservancy system.

Scavenging. Public scavenging of house refuse is carried out by contract in the Parishes of Aston Rowant, Benson, Chinnor, Cuddesdon, Drayton St. Leonard, Forest Hill (part), Dorchester, Ewelme, Great Haseley, Horspath, Littlemore, Marston, Great Milton, Newington, Stanton St. John, Tetsworth, Watlington, Warborough and Wheatley. The refuse is disposed of by dumping. At Stadhampton the powers have been delegated to the Parish Council.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. The classified statement of the number of premises visited, etc., will be found in Table I.

Shops Act, 1934. No special action has been taken in the Rural District during the year.

Smoke Abatement. As the result of representations made by the Council, the measures taken to abate the nuisance arising from the Cement Works at Chinnor appear to have met with success.

Swimming Baths, etc. There is no public swimming bath in the area.

Eradication of Bed-bugs. No special action has been necessary and there is nothing to report on this matter.

- Schools. (i) Water Supply. Of the 39 Schools in the District, nine are supplied with water from public mains, fifteen from wells with pump attached, four from the school-house well, one with rain water tank, and ten have no supply on the premises, but water is carried daily from an adjoining source of supply.
- (ii) Closet Accommodation. Seven schools are provided with water closets, twenty-nine with pail closets and three have vault closets.
- (iii) Drainage. Six schools are connected to public sewers, thirteen drain to cesspools, one has a septic tank and subsoil disposal, fifteen drain to subsoil direct, and four are without drainage.

HOUSING.

The statistics for the year, given in the prescribed form, will be found in Table II.

The Council's plans for re-housing have been in complete abeyance owing to the objections raised by the County Council under the Ribbon Development Act.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply. There are 279 dairymen (including 155 producers) on the Register. Further progress has been made in effecting improvements of structural conditions and methods of production.
- (b) Meat, etc. The 19 slaughterhouses have been regularly visited and as far as practicable carcases have been inspected. Altogether 126 seizures (voluntary surrenders) of unsound meat or offal were made, of a total weight of 2,613 lbs.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, etc.

Scarlet Fever. The incidence has again been low. The 34 cases notified were distributed over twelve Parishes. The largest number in one Parish was 10, at Chinnor, where a missed case was discovered at school. The cases of Dysentery occurred in the County Mental Hospital.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

Nine schools were closed for Influenza and eight for Measles.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

For Diphtheria, 29; positive, 3. Other examinations, 1.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR—EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS.

		T	otal Case	S A	Admitted to		Total
Diseases.			Notified.		Hospital.		Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• •	34	• • •	2 9	• • •	O
Diphtheria	• • •		5		3	• • •	O
Puerperal Pyrexia	• • •	• •	I		I		О
Pneumonia	• • •	• •	15		I		15
Erysipelas	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• •	4		3		O
Dysentery	• • • •	• •	3		5		2

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES.

		Age ov	er		I	2	3	4	5	IO	15	20	35	45	65	
Cases	•	and u	nder	I	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65		
	Scarlet Fever	r		Ο	О	О	2	5	14	8	О	5	Ο	О	О	
	Diphtheria	• • •	• • •.	О	O	О	О	O	I	О	3	О	О	Ι	О	
	Puerperal Py	rexia		О	О	О	О	О	О	О	О	О	1	O	О	
•	Pneumonia	• • •		О	O	O	О	О	О	О	О	4	2	6	3	
	Erysipelas			О	О	О	О	О	О	О	О	2	O	2	O	
	Dysentery			О	O	О	О	0	О	О	О	Ι	I	0	I	

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

	Tre	ated:	Vision	Vision	Total	
Notified.	At home.	In hospital.	unimpaired.	impaired.	Blindness.	Deaths.
2	0	T	0	0	0	0

P.H. (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No action has been taken by the Council under Art. 5 or 6 of the above Regulations.

Tuberculosis.

		New (Cases.		Deaths.					
Age periods.		iratory. Female		ners. Pemale.		iratory. Female.	Oth Male. l	ers. Female.		
o — I	O	O	О	О	О	О	O	О		
ı — 5	O	О	2	О	О	I	1	O		
5 — 15	О	О	2	О	О	O	О	O		
15 — 25	I	2	I	1	O	4	O	O		
25 — 35	2	3	О	О	I	2	О	1		
35 - 4 5	I	3	О	О	I	I	Ι	O		
45 55	I	I	I	О	О	О	О	O		
55 - 65	Ο	О	О	O	I	О	O	Ι		
65 —	Ο	О	О	О	О	О	О	О		
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Totals	5	9	6	I	3	8	2	2		

Two pulmonary cases that died were un-notified, one from Miliary Tuberculosis in a general hospital. In the other instance the disease was discovered after an inquest.

Public Health Acts, 1925, Sec. 62; 1936, Sec. 172.

No action has been taken by the Council under the above and none has appeared to be necessary.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

I. INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

		Inspections.	Written Notices.		Prosecutions.	
Factories	• • •	8	• • •	2		Ο
Workshops	• • •	131		O		O
Workplaces		О	• • •	O	• • •	O
Total		139	• • •	2		O

	Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.
2.	DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.
	(a) Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—
	Number of Defects.
	Found. Remedied
	Want of Cleanliness
	Want of Ventilation
	Overcrowding
	Want of Drainage of Floors
	Other Nuisances
	Sanitary Accommodation:
	Insufficient
	Unsuitable or defective 2 2
	Not separate for sexes
	(b) Offences under the F. and W. Acts:—
	Illegal occupation of underground
	bakehouses
	Other offences

3.	OUTWORK IN	UNWHOLE	SOME	Premises	SEC.	108.		
	Instances	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	0

Total

HENLEY RURAL DISTRICT.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres 53297
Population:
Census, 1931 (Area as at June, 1932) 14391
Mean Population, 1937 (R.G.'s estimate) 14400
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1937 4448
Rateable Value £,105996
Rateable Value \dots
Extracts from the Vital Statistics of the Year.
Total Male. Female. Per 1,000.
Live Births $\begin{cases} \text{Legitimate} & 174 & 92 & 82 \\ \text{Illegitimate} & 6 & 5 & 1 \end{cases}$ Birth Rate=12·5
Still Births 10 6 $4\begin{cases} Per 1,000 \\ total births = 52.6 \end{cases}$
(total births = 52.6)
Deaths 191 100 91 Death Rate=13.2.
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth:
(a) From Sepsis o
(b) From other causes I
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births:
(a) From Sepsis o
(b) From other puerperal causes 5.2
(c) Total 5·2
(6) 2 6 6 6 2 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
Infant Mortality.
Deaths of infants under one year of age, per 1,000 births: Legitimate. Illegitimate. Total I.M.F.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)

166

Whooping Cough (all ages)

44

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40

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

40

Deaths from Measles (all ages)

Cancer

The Staff includes the Medical Officer of Health, a Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Percy Walton, who is also Building Surveyor and Petroleum

Inspector, and Mr. N. Huppler and Mr. W. H. Couperthwaite, Additional Sanitary Inspectors.

The system of carrying out the work of repair and upkeep of the Council's Housing Estates by the Council's own staff, having so far met with success, has been continued. The staff and work are supervised by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

SERVICES.

The laboratory facilities, ambulance arrangements, nursing and hospital services of the area are as formerly reported; there have been no developments or changes in these services.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. The water supply of the area is as formerly detailed; there has been no important development. The District generally is now well served by the mains of the various water undertakers; the only exception is a small area including Maidensgrove and Russell's Water.

Drainage and Sewerage. Satisfactory progress has been made with the sewering of certain parts of the Parishes of Eye and Dunsden, Harpsden and Kidmore End that are adjacent to the Caversham area of Reading C.B. By agreement the sewage will be received into the Reading sewers. There are no sewers in other parts of the District. The provision of sewers and sewage disposal works in the Parish of Goring was still under consideration at the end of the year.

Closet Accommodation. Apart from the larger residences in the area, and smaller houses of modern construction, which have cesspools, the accommodation generally is on the conservancy system. New houses built in the sewered area adjoining Reading C.B. will be provided with water closets.

Scavenging. A service of public scavenging of house refuse is operative throughout the whole District, and is now uniformly weekly in all Parishes. This service continues to give general satisfaction not only from the point of efficiency but on account of the relatively low cost. The disposal by controlled tipping is in every way satisfactory.

Scavenging of pail closets is also undertaken in a part of the area, and the Council possesses a *vidange* on a motor chassis by which cesspool emptying is effected.

Sanitary Inspection of the Arca. The classified statement of the number of premises visited, etc., will be found in Table I.

Shops Act, 1934. No special action has been taken under this Act in the Rural District during the year.

Smoke Abatement. There has been no occasion for any special action or measures.

Swimming Baths, etc. There is no public swimming bath in the District.

Eradication of Bed-bugs. No special action has been necessary either in relation to private dwellings or Council houses in the area.

- Schools. (i) Water Supply. Of 24 schools, 20 are supplied with water from public mains and two from piped supplies on private estates. One school is supplied by well and pump, and one by rain water tank.
- (ii) Closet Accommodation. Ten schools are furnished with water closets, twelve with pail closets, one with chemical closet, and one with a vault closet (fixed receptacle).
- (iii) Drainage. Eleven schools have cesspool drainage; at 13 excreta is disposed of by burial.

HOUSING.

The statistics for the year, given in the prescribed form, will be found in Table II.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply. There are 135 dairymen on the Register, including producers. The work of improving the structural condition of registered premises and raising the standard of cleanliness of milk production has proceeded steadily.
- (b) Meat, etc. Visits of inspection have been made to slaughter-houses, and as far as practicable the carcases of animals slaughtered have been inspected. Eleven seizures (voluntary surrenders) of unsound meat were made.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, etc.

Scarlet Fever. Only 8 cases were notified during the year and do not call for special observation.

Diphtheria. The unusually large number of cases calls for some explanation. Of the 33 cases notified, 30 occurred in the Berks and Bucks Sanatorium, mainly among children who are admitted from areas outside the County or the counties whose name it bears. Among the earliest cases was a child, from an area outside that of the Constituent Authorities, who had been immunised against Diphtheria and had a certificate to that effect. Whatever may have been the source of the original infection, the recurrence and difficulty of control appeared to be associated with immunised children coming from the same area and of whom a number were subsequently found to be 'carriers' of a virulent strain of the organism. As the matter was one of more than local interest and importance and its complete investigation appeared to involve an inquiry elsewhere, I, along with the Medical Officer of the Institution, asked that a Medical Officer of the Ministry might be sent to confer with us and advise as to what, if any, further measures might be taken locally. In consequence, I met a Medical Officer of the Ministry at the Sanatorium, when the whole position was carefully investigated. He agreed that an investigation elsewhere appeared essential before any conclusions could be drawn. From that moment I have had no communication from the Ministry on the matter — an omission which I can only regard as singular.

Cerebro-spinal Fever. The two cases died in a general hospital outside the County. They did not appear to be in any way associated or connected.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

Nine schools were closed for Influenza and two for Whooping Cough.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

For Diphtheria, 71; positive, 18. For Virulence, 3; positive, 3. Other examinations, 1.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR—EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS.

			Total Case	S	Admitted to	0	Total
Diseases.			Notified.		Hospital.		Deaths.
Scarlet Fever			8		6		О
Diphtheria			33		32		I
Puerperal Pyrexia		• • •	I		O		О
Pneumonia			9		I		6
Erysipelas	• • •		I		I		О
Cerebro-spinal Fe	ver	• • •	O	• • •	2	• • •	2

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES.

	Age o	ver 1	2	3	4	5	10	o I	5 20	3.5	5 45	6	5	
Cases.	and u	nder	I	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	
Scarlet Fever	• •	• • •	O)	O,	I	O	I	3	3	О	O	O	O	О
Diphtheria		• • •	O	O	O	O	О	16	12	2	O	2	I	O
Puerperal Py	rexia		О	О	О	О	О	O	0	О	I	О	0	О
Pneumonia	• • •		О	I	О	I	O	О	I	I	I	О	2	2
Erysipelas			O	О	О	О	О	О	О	O	O	O	I	О

Tuberculosis.

		New (Cases.		Deaths.				
Age periods.	~	iratory. Female.	Otl Male. F	ners. Semale		ratory. Female.	Oth Male I	ers Femal e.	
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5 15	O	O	О	I	О	Ο	О	О	
15 — 25	O	2	О	О	I	Ο	Ο	О	
²⁵ — 35	О	I	O	O	O	O	Ο	О	
35 — 45	O	О	O	О	I	O	Ο	Ο	
45 — 55	O	O	O	O	О	O	O	I	
55 - 65	I,	O	O	O	Ο	O	O	О	
65 —	O	1	O	O	О	I	O	О	
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Totals	I	4	О	I	2	I	I	Į.	

There were two un-notified fatal non-pulmonary cases, who died in hospitals outside the County.

P.H. (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No action has been necessary under Art. 5 or 6 of the above Regulations.

Public Health Acts, 1925, Sec. 62; 1936, Sec. 172.

No action has been taken by the Council under the above and none has appeared to be necessary.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

		Inspections.	W	ritten Notic	es.	Prosecutions.
Factories	• • •	13	• • •	4		O
Workshops		19	• • •	4		О
Workplaces		2	• • •	О	• • •	О
						-
Total		34	• • •	8	• • •	О

2.	,
	(a) Nuisances under the Public Health Acts: Number of Defects. Found. Remedied.
	Want of Cleanliness
	Want of Ventilation
	Overcrowding
	Want of Drainage of Floors
	Other Nuisances 4 4
	Sanitary Accommodation:
	Insufficient
	Unsuitable or defective
	Not separate for sexes
	(b) Offiences under the F. and W. Acts:-
	Illegal occupation of underground
	bakehouses
	Other offences
	Total 4 4
2.	OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES. SEC. 108.
ς.	Instances o

PLOUGHLEY RURAL DISTRICT.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres Population:	•••	•••		. 79911
Census, 1931 (<i>A</i>	Area as at Jui	ne, 1932)	• •	12713
Mean Population	on, 1937 (R.G	.'s estima		13610
Number of inhabite	d houses at e	nd of 193	7	2885
Rateable Value	•••	•••		£57077
Sum represented by	a Penny Ra	te		£228/7/10
Extracts from 7				
(T '1'	Total Ma	le. Female	. Р	er 1,000.
Live Births \ \ \ Illegitimat	e 224 120	0 104	Birth	Rate=17.1
A linegitima	te 9	5 4∫		
Still Births	II 6	5 = 5	Per 1,	000
)	tota	births= 45.0
Deaths	178 92	2 86	Death	Rate=13.0
Deaths from diseases a	and accidents	of pregna	ncv an	d childhirth ·
(a) From Sep	sis			I
(b) From other	er causes			
Rate per 1,000 total (li	ive and still)	hirtha.		
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(b) From other	er nuernerel a	011000	• • •	ľ
(c) Total	r buerberai e	auses	• • •	0
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Deaths of infants under Legitimate.	one year of Illegitimate.	age, per 1 Tota	,000 b	irths:
49	O		47	
Deaths from Measles	s (all ages)			т
	ing Cough (a			
	pea (under 2 y			
,, Cancer				0
,,	•••	• • •	• • •	25

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Consists of the Medical Officer of Health, the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. E. F. T. Davis, who is also Building and Canal Boat Inspector, Petroleum Inspector and Manager of the Council's Housing Estates, and Mr. G. A. Hudson, Assistant Inspector.

SERVICES.

The Laboratory facilities and the Nursing and Hospital services are as formerly described. The Ambulance service has been improved by the provision of a motor ambulance to convey cases to the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Apart from other reasons, the larger area served by the Hospital has rendered this imperative.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. A general survey of the water supply of the District was given in my Report for 1934, and apart from the matters referred to in the following year's Report, there has been no change of importance. The supply from public mains has been laid on to 100 houses during the year, and 36 samples of water from wells have been submitted for analysis.

Drainage and Sewerage. The general arrangements existing in the District are as formerly reported.

The work of carrying out the sewering and construction of sewage disposal works at Islip has been proceeding slowly.

An application was made by the Council to borrow the sum of £31,600 to provide for the sewering of Kidlington, and a Public Inquiry was held by the Ministry in October. Immediately prior to this Inquiry the Council had been informed that a company proposed to develop a building estate in the Parish and build 2,000 additional houses for which sewers and sewage disposal would be expected to be provided. The engineers' plans had not, of course, made provision for such a development, and after hearing evidence the inquiry was closed. Fresh proposals will require to be submitted after the consulting engineers have made such provision as may be necessary, and it is certain that the cost will be greatly increased. In the meantime it may be pointed out that the sanitary conditions of part of this rapidly developed area are deplorable and a gross menace to the public health, and effective action to deal with the situation is urgently necessary.

Closet Accommodation. Except at the relatively small number of large houses, and at some of the smaller houses of modern construction that have cesspools, the closet accommodation throughout the District is on the conservancy system.

Scavenging. There is public scavenging in force at Chesterton, Fringford, Fritwell, Gosford and Water Eaton, Upper Heyford, Kidlington, Kirtlington, Middleton Stoney, Mixbury, Souldern, Thrupp and Yarnton.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. The classified statement of the number of premises visited, etc., will be found in Table I.

Shops Act, 1934. No special action has been taken in the Rural District during the year.

Smoke Abatement. Further complaints have been made of the nuisance arising from smoke and dust emitted from the Cement Works at Shipton, and despite representations from the Council the measures taken to abate the nuisance have not proved effective.

Swimming Baths, etc. There is no public swimming bath in the District, but many people avail themselves of that at Bicester.

Eradication of Bed-bugs. No special action has been called for either in respect to private dwellings or Council houses in the area.

- Schools. (i) Water supply. Of 31 schools in the District, six are supplied from public or private mains, six from wells with pumps, one from a well without pump, and 18 have no supply on the premises but water is carried from an adjacent supply, but in a few of these there is rain water tank supply for washing purposes.
- (ii) Closet Accommodation. Twenty-five schools are furnished with pail closets; six have vault closets (fixed receptacles).

HOUSING.

The statistics for the year, given in the prescribed form, will be found in Table II.

All of the repair work in connection with defective houses has been the result of informal action, 202 houses having by this procedure been rendered fit. No case of overcrowding that had been abated has again become overcrowded during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply. There are 190 producers and 97 retailers on the Register. The registered premises of these have been regularly inspected, and progress continues to be made in cleanliness of methods of production as well as in the structural improvement of premises.
- (b) Meat, etc. Visits of inspection have been made to the 16 slaughter-houses, etc., and as far as practicable the carcases of animals slaughtered have been inspected. During the year nearly 10 tons of unsound meat and offal have been destroyed, the greater part of this being at the Bacon Factory.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, etc.

The incidence of notifiable disease has been very low.

Scarlet Fever. Seventeen cases were notified. The most that occurred in any Parish was three. Eleven Parishes in all were affected.

Diphtheria. Two cases were notified in Kidlington; bacteriological examination did not confirm the diagnosis of one of these.

Enteric Fever. The only case (one of Para-typhoid) was imported from abroad.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

Six schools were closed for Influenza and two on account of Measles.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

For Diphtheria, 31; positive, 2. Other examinations, 2. For Virulence, 1; positive, 1.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR—EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS.

	Total Cases	S .	Admitted to		Total
Diseases.	Notified.		Hospital.		Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	 17		16	• • •	O
Diphtheria	 2		2		О
Enteric Fever	 I		О		О
Puerperal Pyrexia	 2		2		I
Pneumonia	 7		О		8
Encephalitis Lethargica	 I		I		О
Erysipelas	 2		О		О

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES.

	Age ov	er		I	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65
	and und	ler	I	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	
Scarlet Fever	• •		О	О	О	О	I	2	7	2	2 `	2	О	1
Diphtheria .		• • •	О	I	О	I	О	О	О	О	О	О	Ο	О
Enteric Fever			О	О	O	О	О	О	О	О	I	О	О	О
Puerperal Pyr	exia		О	О	О	О	О	О	О	О	2	О	О	0
Pneumonia .			О	О	О	О	О	I	О	3	O	О	3	О
Encephalitis L	etharg	ica	O	О	О	О	O	r	О	О	O	O	О	О
Erysipelas .			О	О	О	О	O	О	О	О	О	О	2	0

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

	Tr	eated :	Vision	Vision	Total	
Notified.	At home.	In hospital.	unimpaired.	impaired.	Blindness.	Deaths.
I	I	О	I	О	О	O

Tuberculosis.

		New	Cases.		Deaths.				
Age periods.		iratory. Female.		Others. Male. Female.		ratory. Female.	Others. Male. Female.		
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ı — 5	O	Ο	О	O	O	O	O	O	
5 — 15	O	O	О	O	O	О	O	О	
15 — 25	I	2	О	1	O	Ο	O	Ο	
25 - 35	2	I	I	Ö	I	О	O	O	
35 — 45	I	О	O	O	1	О	O	Ο	
45 — 55	Ο	I	О	O	I	Ο	O	O	
55 - 65	O	О	Ο	O	O	О	-O	O	
65 —	I	О	О	О	I	Ο	O	O	
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Totals	5	4	I	I	4	О	O	О	
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No fatal case was un-notified.

P.H. (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

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Public Health Acts, 1925, Sec. 62; 1936, Sec. 172.

No action has been taken by the Council under the above and none has appeared to be necessary.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

		Inspections.	W	ritten Notic	es.	Prosecutions.
Factories		37	• • •	O	• • •	О
Workshops	• • •.	40	• • •	О	• • • •	О
Workplaces		О	• • •	O	• • •	О
Total	• • •	77	• • •	O	• • •	О

- 2. Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.
 - (a) Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—

Number of Defects.
Found. Remedied

Want of Cleanliness Want of Ventilation

	Overcrowding	• • •	• • •	• • •		
	Want of Drainage	e of Floor	s	• • •		
	Other Nuisances	• • •		• • •		
	Sanitary Accommo	odation:				
	Insufficient	• • •				
	Unsuitable or	defective	· · ·	• • •		
	Not separate	for sexes		•••		
	(b) Offences under the	e F. and	W. Ac	ts :		
	Illegal occupatio	n of u	ndergr	ound		
	bakehouses	•••	• • •	• • •		
	Other offences	• • •	• • •	• • •		
	Total				О	О

3.	OUTWORK IN UNWHOL	ESOME PE	REMISES	s. Sec	. 108.	
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TABLE

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	SUMMARY OF REPORTS			Total number of Inspections made	Total number of Informal Notices served	Total number of Statutory Notices served	NUISANCE. (P.H.A. 1875, S. 91).	I. Complaints received	2. Nuisances detected with or without complaint	3. Nuisances abated	4. Statutory Notices served	5. Summonses taken out	6. Convictions	Houses, etc.	7. Total number of houses inspected	8. Total number of defective houses remedied	9. Cases of overcrowding detected	10. Cases of overcrowding abated	11. New houses erected	12. Dirty houses cleansed	13. Visits to infected houses	14. Houses disinfected

NS AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.						ý	1	9
	:				:	46	117	20
16. Defects remedied	•					44	97	71
17. New closets constructed	:	31 96			:	418	911	81
18. Closets converted to more approved type WATER SUPPLY.	;		2			24	22	OI
19. Certificates granted	:				:	324	88	94
20. Public water supply laid on to houses	:				:	299	128	100
21. Wells cleansed and pollution prevented	:					7	2	3
22. Samples taken for Analysis	:				:	53	∞	36
Food.								
23. Seizures of unsound meat	•				:	126	II	I
24. Seizures of other foods	:					I	I	1
SLAUGHTER HOUSES.								
25. Number in District	:					61	7	.14
26. Number of inspections	:					1145	385	54
27. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness	:					2	Ι	4
28. Number cleansed, limewashed, etc	:					59	7	4
DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.								
29. Number of Dairymen on Registers	:					279	135	287
30. Number of inspections made	:					477	282	141
31. Number of Notices served	:					90	46	II
32. Number of Notices complied with	:					22	41	11
Bakehouses.								
33. Number	:					28	10	15
34. Number of inspections made	:					39	41	II
35. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness	:					∞	4	I
36. Number of Notices served	:					∞	4	I
37. Number complied with	:					∞	4	I
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Urban Districts.	Henley M.B.	28	I	27		434	492	1	I		69	62
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	NEW HOUSES ERECTED.	Total		3. By other bodies or persons	I.—Inspection of Dwelling-Houses.	1. (a) Total number of houses inspected	(b) Number of inspections made		(b) Inspections made for the purpose	3. Number of houses found unfit for habitation 4. Number, excluding those in (2) above found not in all		II.—Remedy of Defects by Informal Action. Number of houses rendered fit

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

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III.—Action under Statutory Powers.	A.—Housing Act, 1936, ss. 9, 10 & 16. 1. Houses respecting which notices were served 2. Number rendered fit in consequence—	:	athority	B.—Public Health Acts.I. Houses respecting which notices were served2. Houses remedied after notice—	(a) By Owners	(b) By Local Authority	C.—Housing Act, 1936, ss. 11 & 13. I. Number of Demolition Orders made	2. Number of houses demolished	3. Undertakings accepted	4. Houses rendered fit in consequence	D.—Housing Act, 1936, s. 12	E.—Housing Act, 1936 (overcrowding). (a) No. of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	No. of families therein	No. of 'persons' therein	(b) No. of new cases reported during year .	(c) No. of cases relieved during year	No. of 'persons' concerned

TABLE III.

DEATHS IN ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS.

TOTAL.	South Oxon Com- bined Districts.	M. F.	1	4 I	1	2	I	13 19		2		11 12	4 3	1			63 70		21 34	201 201
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RURAL DISTRICTS.	Henley R.D	M. F.	1	1	1	1	I	3 3	'	2		2 I	II	1		1	19 21		6 5	
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17. Aneurysm	18. OtherCirculatory Diseases	19. Bronchitis	20. Pneumonia (all forms	21. Other Respiratory Diseases	22. Peptic Ulcer	23. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	24. Appendicitis	25. Cirrhosis of Liver	26. Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	27. Other Digestive Diseases	28. Acute and Chronic Nephritis	29. Puerperal Sepsis	30. Other Puerperal Causes	31. Congenital Debility, Pre- mature Birth, Malforma-	tions, etc.	32. Senility	33. Suicide	34. Other Violence	Other Defined Disease	36. Causes Ill-defined or Un-	known	All Causes	

